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Subject: The timber industry in the South

Dear Sirs:

I am very concerned that you are going to allow the timber industry to over-harvest our Southern forests.

You already know the scientific reasons for not doing so. I am sure you already know that the SFRA document did not adequately address some long-term effects of a timber industry running "whole hog" over this national treasure and our environment.

I appeal to you to not allow the timber industry to wreak such havoc on our environment as is planned.

I lived in central Arkansas during the 1970's when there was extensive spraying of the herbicide 2,4,5-T. The government, agribusiness, and U of A all told us the chemicals were completely "safe". Every single person in my large family had cancer. Agent Orange from which 2,4,5-T was derived was a known carcinogen. Do you expect us citizens to have the resources to "prove" that the spraying caused the cancer? You know we do not have such resources and yet even more spraying will be allowed.

I vehemently oppose increased spraying and over-logging. What will you do?

Sincerely, Trella Laughlin 929 Madison 5330 Huntsville, AR 72740